

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 - 34 (canceled)

Claim 35 (new): A metal pipe comprising:

a first flat surface including first and second edge portions which are parallel to and abutted to each other;

a second flat surface perpendicular at a first corner to said first flat surface;

a third flat surface perpendicular at a second corner to said second flat surface and opposite to said first flat surface; and

a fourth flat surface perpendicular at a third corner to said third flat surface and at a fourth corner to said first flat surface and opposite to said second flat surface;

wherein a portion for generation of spring back force for abutting said first and second edge portions is formed on each of said second, third and fourth flat surfaces.

Claim 36 (new): The metal pipe according to claim 35, wherein the portion for generation of spring back force formed on said third flat surface is composed of a deformed portion formed by projection outward of said third flat surface by applying a force on said second and fourth flat surfaces and a flat portion formed by deformation of said deformed portion into a flat condition by applying a force on said third flat surface.

Claim 37 (new): The metal pipe according to claim 35, wherein the portion for generation of spring back force formed on said third flat surface is formed by restraining deformation of said third flat surface which tends to project outwardly with applying of a force on said second and fourth flat surfaces and holding said third flat surface in a flat condition.

Claim 38 (new): The metal pipe according to claim 35, wherein said portions for generation of spring back force formed on said first and fourth flat surfaces are generated by deformed parts formed on said second and fourth flat surfaces by applying a force on said second and fourth flat surfaces from outward.

Claim 39 (new): The metal pipe according to claim 38, wherein said deformed parts are composed of a plurality of convex portions which are formed on said second and fourth flat surfaces and which are spaced longitudinally of the metal pipe.

Claim 40 (new): The metal pipe according to claim 38, wherein said deformed parts are composed of line convex portions which are formed on said second and fourth flat surfaces and which extend longitudinally of the metal pipe.

Claim 41 (new): A metal pipe comprising:  
a first flat surface including first and second edge portions which are parallel to and abutted to each other;  
a second flat surface perpendicular at a first corner to said first flat surface;  
a third flat surface perpendicular at a second corner to said second flat surface and opposite to said first flat surface; and

a fourth flat surface perpendicular at a third corner to said third flat surface and at a fourth corner to said first flat surface and opposite to said second flat surface;

wherein a portion for generation of spring back force for abutting said first and second edge portions is formed on each of said second and fourth flat surfaces, and said portions for generation of spring back force are generated by convex portions formed on the second and fourth flat surfaces.

Claim 42 (new): A metal pipe comprising:

a first flat surface including first and second edge portions which are parallel to and abutted to each other;

a second flat surface perpendicular at a first corner to said first flat surface;

a third flat surface perpendicular at a second corner to said second flat surface and opposite to said first flat surface; and

a fourth flat surface perpendicular at a third corner to said third flat surface and at a fourth corner to said first flat surface and opposite to said second flat surface;

wherein a portion for generation of spring back force for abutting said first and second edge portions is formed on each of said second and fourth flat surfaces, and said portions for generation of spring back force are generated by line convex portions formed on the second and fourth flat surfaces.